January 13, 2014

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the 111 undersigned organizations and our millions of members and supporters, we urge you to oppose Congressman Whitfield and Senator Manchin's Polluter Protection Act (H.R. 3826/S. 1905). This bill would allow power plants to continue dumping unlimited amounts of carbon pollution into the air, contributing to the climate change that puts our health and communities at risk with devastating extreme weather events. Under the Polluter Protection Act, the polluters would win and Americans would lose.

The Polluter Protection Act would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from reducing carbon pollution from power plants, which are the nation's largest source of carbon pollution. Carbon pollution fuels climate change, which will lead to more asthma attacks and increase the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events like droughts that destroy crops, floods that wipe out communities, and massively damaging storms like Superstorm Sandy.

Power plants have limits on arsenic, lead, and mercury, but no federal limits on dangerous carbon pollution. Now EPA is finally putting in place a reasonable, cost-effective plan to reduce the pollution driving climate change. But by raising a series of impossible barriers for the EPA, Congressman Whitfield and Senator Manchin are saying that either they do not believe in climate change, or they do not care about its impacts.

We urge you to oppose this attempt to strip the EPA of its authority to protect public health, and to support the agency's common sense plan to cut carbon pollution from the nation's power plants.

Sincerely,

350 Maine
Alliance for Sustainable Colorado
Appalachian Voices
Arkansas Interfaith Alliance
Bridging The Gap
Center for Biological Diversity
Clean Air Carolina
Clean Air Council
Clean Energy Action
Clean Water Action
Clean Wisconsin
Climate Solutions
Conservation Colorado
Conservation Law Foundation
Delaware Interfaith Power & Light

Earth Day Network
Earthjustice
Eco-Justice Ministries
Ecology Center
Environment America
Environment Arizona
Environment California
Environment Colorado
Environment Connecticut
Environment Georgia
Environment Florida
Environment Iowa
Environment Illinois
Environment Maine
Environment Maryland
Environment Massachusetts
Environment Michigan
Environment Minnesota
Environment Missouri
Environment Montana
Environment Nevada
Environment New Hampshire
Environment New Jersey
Environment New Mexico
Environment New York
Environment North Carolina
Environment Ohio
Environment Oregon
Environment Rhode Island
Environment Texas
Environment Virginia
Environment Washington
Environmental Defense Action Fund
Georgia Interfaith Power & Light
Global Green USA
Green For All
GreenLaw
Greenpeace
HEAL Utah
Institute for Policy Studies, Climate Policy Program
Interfaith Power & Light
Interfaith Power & Light (MD/DC/NOVA)
Iowa Environmental Council
Iowa Interfaith Power & Light
Islands Energy Coalition
Kentucky Environmental Foundation

Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light
Kids vs. Global Warming/ iMatter Campaign
League of Conservation Voters
League of Women Voters
Medical Advocates for Healthy Air
Michigan Environmental Council
Michigan Interfaith Power & Light
Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light
Montana Environmental Information Center
National Audubon Society
Natural Resources Council of Maine
Natural Resources Defense Council
New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light
North Carolina Conservation Network
North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light
North West Energy Coalition
Ohio Environmental Council
Oregon Environmental Council
PennEnvironment
Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light
Piedmont Environmental Council
Powder River Basin Resource Council
Protect Our Winters
Public Citizen
Renew Missouri
Renewable Northwest Project
RESTORE: The North Woods
Safe Climate Campaign
Sierra Club
South Carolina Wildlife Federation
Southeast Climate and Energy Network
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Southern Appalachian Mountain Stewards
Southern Energy Network
Southern Environmental Law Center
Southern Oregon Climate Action Now
Student Sustainability Coalition (UMaine Farmington)
SustainUS
TerraScapes Environmental
Texas Interfaith Power & Light
The Climate Reality Project
UPSTREAM
Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
Virginia New Majority
Washington Conservation Voters
Washington Environmental Council

Western North Carolina Alliance
Western Resource Advocates
Wisconsin Interfaith Power & Light
Wisconsin Environment